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Title: CONTINUOUS FIBER OF SINGLE-WALL CARBON NANOTUBES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Concurrent with this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the present Application. This Request is in response to Examiner's Final Office Action having a mailing date of 1 December 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period set for reply of 1 March 2005.

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:


**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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